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TAGS: OVIP (SIMON, WILLIAM E.), PINR, CE

SUBJ: TRAVEL OF TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON

REF: STATE 068077

1. ALTHOUGH SECRETARY SIMON AND PARTY COULD WELL BE INCONTACT WITH CEYLONese OFFICIALS NAMED IN REFTel, THERE ARE OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS THEY MIGHT SEE. DIFFICULTY IS THAT WE DO NOT HAVE GSl GUEST LIST FOR LUNCH WE PRESUME THEY WILL GIVE OR NAMES OF SENIOR ADVISERS GSl MIGHT HAVE PRESENT DURING SECRETARY'S IHLLS ON PRINCIPALS.

2. AT THE MOMENT WE HAVE NO ADDITIONAL NAMES TO SUGGEST FROM MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MEFA) OR CENTRAL BANK. AVAILABLE BIO DATA REPEWTEd PARA 2 REFTel AND ADDITIONAL FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIALS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

3. CENTRAL BANK: DEPUTY GOVERNOR P.V.M. FERNANDO: A SMALL, GREY-HAIRD, 60-ISH? FREINDLY MAN WHOSE CARER HAS LARGELY BEEN IN CENTRAL BANK. HE WAS PREVIOUSLY DIRECTOR OF BANK SUPERVISION AND EXCHANGE CONTROLLER. HE IS NOW RESPONSIBLE FOR BANK'S EXCHANGE CONTROL, PUBLIC DEBT, AND BANK SUPERVISION DEPARTMENTS.

HE IS QUIET, WELL-REGARDED, CIVIL SERVANT. WE UNDER-
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STAND HE MAY BE SHIFTING FAIRLY SOON TO ANOTHER

POSITION, POSSIBLY OUTSIDE BANK.

4. FINANCE MINISTER: SECRETARY C.A. COOREY: HE IS
THE SENIOR CAREER CIVIL SERVANT IN GSL. WASHINGTON
AGENCIES SHOULD HAVE BIO DATA.

5. FINANCE MINISTER: SENIOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY
L.O. DE SILVA: EMBASSY HAS NO INFORMATION ON FILE AND
WILL BE UNABLE OBTAIN ANY UNTIL NEXT WEEK BECAUSE
GOVERNMENT OFFICES ARE CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY.

6. FINANCE MINISTRY: SENIOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY
N.S.L. PERERA: PERERA IS SENIOR ECONOMIC AND FISCAL
POLICY ADVISER IN FINANKZ MINISTRY. HE TAKES MAJOR
PART IN PREPARATION OF GSL BUDGETS AND PROPOSAL
AND DRAFTING OF TAXATION AND INVESTMEIL LEGISLATION.
HE HAS STUDIED FISCAL POLICH AND MACRO-ECONOMICS
EXTENSIVELY INUNITED STATES AND EUROPE; HE IS
FINANCE MINISTER'S NEPHEW.

7. WE WILL TTRANSMIT ADDITIONAL DATA AS SOON AS
AVAILABLE.
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